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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:

Fumihiro NAMIKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/473,047

Group Art Unit: 2879

Confirmation No. 9541

Filed: December 28, 1999

Examiner: Sikha Roy

For: GAS-DISCHARGE DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING OPTICAL FILTER SELECTIVELY  
ABSORBING LIGHT OF A WAVELENGTH EQUAL TO THAT OF THE LIGHT  
EMISSION OF THE DISCHARGE GAS (AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on December 20, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 20, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims, in accordance with the following:

Please CANCEL claims 1, 2 and 5.

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3. (AS TWICE AMENDED HEREIN) A gas-discharge display apparatus utilizing at least one of neon and helium gases to generate a gas discharge for exciting a fluorescent material emitting red color, a fluorescent material emitting green color and a fluorescent material omitting blue color to display a color image on a display screen thereof, comprising:  
an optical filter covering the entire display screen and disposed in front of a gas discharge space, selectively absorbing light having a wavelength equal to that of light emission